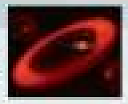
Gov't to make sure Paco stays in Spanish jail

By TJ Burgonio and Jerome Aning

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EDUARDO ERMITA and acting Justice Secretary Agnes Devanadera yesterday sought to assure the family of the victims of rape convict Francisco "Paco" Larrañaga that he would get no preferential treatment at the prison in Spain where he was transferred.

Devanadera said the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) had directed the Philip-

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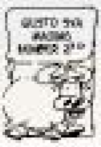
Loren: 5 presidential bets want me for No. 2

By Christian O. Avendaño

SEN. LOREN LEGARDA appears to be the most sought-after belle of the ball.

By her own account, five presidential hopefuls have asked her to

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Lake swallows villages

No longer habitable for 700,000 residents

By Romulo O. Ponte
Inquirer Southern Luzon

SAN PABLO CITY—DRY LAND has disappeared in hundreds of villages swallowed by Laguna Lake, making these uninhabitable for more than 700,000 people in Laguna province.

The floods came, and never left, with the water level in the lake rising by at least 10 feet (the height of an average house), according to a report from the Laguna Lake Development Authority.

Hundreds of lakeshore villages in the towns of Mabitac, Pakil, Siniloan, Pangil, Paete, Kalayaan, Lumban, Sta. Cruz, Pila, Victoria, Calauan, Bay, Los Baños, Cabuyao, Biñan and San Pedro, and the cities of Calamba and Sta. Rosa virtually "disappeared" from the map.

Some villages in the towns of Pagsanjan and Sta. Maria were also flooded.

Floodwaters in these towns and cities were several feet deep.

More than a week after the onslaught of Tropical Storm "Ondoy," the

LAKE SWALLOWS A6



Imeldific shoes saved from floods

By DJ Yap

WHILE SHOEMAKERS WERE BADLY hit by the Sept. 26 deluge, a part of Imelda Marcos' hugely famous shoe collection on display at the Footwear Museum in Marikina City remained safe.

"A guard was able to take most of the

IMELDIFIC A6

Weather forecasters caught in the eye of a storm

A STORM THREATENS TO WALLOP the Philippines but a huge computer that dominates the forecasting room of the nation's weather service is on screensaver mode showing a cartoon pattern of unexploded bombs.

While Typhoon "Pepeng" (international name: Parma) ominously hovers near the main island of Luzon, the computer has no data to receive as the main weather radar on a hilltop in Baguio City is out of action—again.

This scenario played out on Tuesday when Agence France-Presse visited the forecasters in Manila to examine why they failed to predict the ferocity of Tropical Storm "Ondoy" (international name: Ketsana) that killed nearly 300 people in and around the capital on Sept. 26.

"Our old radar has limitations," said Fredolina Baldonado, a meteorologist at the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

"It has a blind spot to the south and that includes Metropolitan Manila," Baldonado added.

This, she said, explained why the forecasters were unable to warn the residents of Manila before 42-cm rainfall—the heaviest deluge in more than four decades—was dumped on the nation's capital.

Asked why the radar was not work-

FORECASTERS A6

9 hours would have made the difference

By Julie M. Aurelio

TOO MUCH RAIN FELL ON Marikina City during the Sept. 26 drenching by Tropical Storm "Ondoy" but more residents could have been saved had they been warned of flooding upstream nine hours before it hit.

That was the time it took for the floodwaters to travel from the watershed in San Mateo, Rizal, to J.P. Rizal Street in Marikina City.

"They had nine hours to evacuate, but there was no mechanism in place in which they could be warned of the coming waters," said C.P. David, a geology professor at the University of the Philippines.

In a study presented at a forum organized by the UP National Institute of Geological Sciences on Tuesday, David said that the peak flood happened earlier upstream in the Marikina River and later subsided upon reaching low-lying areas of Marikina City.

"It's like a big bulk of water

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PAGASA WHIPPED BY CONTROVERSY A weatherman points to a screen monitoring the course of Tropical Storm "Pepeng" and Typhoon "Quedan" through an image transmitted by a weather satellite at the Pagasa office in Quezon City on Wednesday. AFP

'I have never seen a storm like Pepeng'

By Alcuin Papa and Inquirer Northern Luzon

LISTLESS "PEPENG," NOW downgraded from a typhoon to a tropical depression, lingered off the eastern part of northern Luzon for the third straight day on Wednesday and threatened to make another pass over its provinces.

Director Prisco Nilo of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said he had never seen a storm act so erratically.

"In my 26 years in Pagasa, I've never seen a storm like this, staying over land for so long," Nilo said.

Pepeng (international name: Parma) could move north in the

I HAVE A6

What went wrong? Like sound of 1 hand clapping

By Raul Lejano and Chinie Gaskell

COMMENTARY

IT IS A POLICY TRUISM THAT HAZARDS (floods, earthquakes) are natural, but disasters human. It is not about allocating blame.

A lot happens when systems fail, hardly traceable to any individual or agency. But we must consider the possibility of policy failure, otherwise, we will not learn from Tropical Storm "Ondoy."

Consider how surprised we were, in 2008, when another typhoon (Frank) went left, not right, and overwhelmed Aklan and Iloilo. Here we are, a year later, and nothing has changed.

Let's not blame climate change, soap opera, etc. for our shortcomings.

It hurts to ask if deaths were avoidable, but analysis requires it. We have no answers, only questions. How could floodwaters have risen so fast in some ar-

WHAT WENT A6

Obama sends message of sympathy, vows aid

US PRESIDENT BARACK Obama on Tuesday sent condolences to the Philippines, which is still reeling from deadly storms and flooding that have left at least 300 people dead and hundreds of thousands stranded.

"On behalf of the American people, I want to express my deep condolences for the loss of life and devastation caused by recent storms in the Philippines, particularly Tropical Storm

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LIFELINE People line up to apply for calamity loans in front of the building of the Pag-Ibig Fund along Shaw Boulevard in Pasig City.

Gov't goes after traders overpricing basic goods

By Christian V. Esguerra, Abigail Ho and Riza T. Olchondra

THE CRACKDOWN ON ERRING STORE OWNERS continues, Malacañang said yesterday.

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DSWD, DOLE to hire victims of 'Ondoy'

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RELIEF DRIVE Sen. Richard J. Gordon, chair of the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC), [illegible]

Jet ski owners urged to register vessels with LGUs

By Leila B. Salaverria

QUEZON CITY JUDGE RALPH LEE [illegible]



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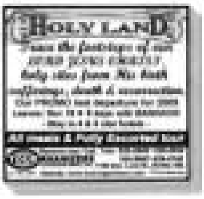

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Pinay in RP cracks US case via webcam





Courts hampering Davao death squad probe

Meralco cuts power rates by 11¢ per kWh

House set to pass 2010 budget

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

The Daily Gospel

Floods to force developers to back off; land values dip

3 more months

More cautious

Selling at rock-bottom prices

Nowhere to go

Lake swallows villages

Highway submerged

PDI relief teams go to Bulacan, Pasig, QC



Cash donations

9 hours would have made all the difference in the flooding of Marikina



Early warning system

Not straight but meandering

Detention ponds proposed

Mayor cites some 'hard lessons' for Marikina: No more excuses and favors

Losses could reach P1 B

Gargantuan task

FVR holds confabs on climate change

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POLL AUTOMATION [illegible]

SC upholds closure of 10 Legacy banks

By Norman Bordadora

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Epidemics feared at evacuation centers

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Pag-Ibig OKs loan payment moratorium

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Forecasters in eye of the storm

Irony unintended

Imeldific shoes saved

200 pairs

'I have never seen a storm like Pepeng, staying over land too long'



RESCUE workers clear road of fallen trees in Candon, Ilocos Sur, after "Pepeng" roared through the province.

Canceled flights

San Roque Dam

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Cagayan collision

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Organizational failure

Most clueless about NDCC

Wanted: Truth seekers

Across the NATION

Benguet loses strawberry fields to flood



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LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—THIS TOWN'S strawberry fields have come under water, no thanks to Typhoon "Pepeng's" continuous rains, but local officials said there would still be sweet strawberries come December although fewer and more expensive.

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GIs arrive for new war games in Clark

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NEWSBRIEFS

Landmine explodes in Zamboanga town

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BALANGA CITY
Jail warden fired

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CAMP VICENTE LIM
Ex-soldier, wife slain

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Typhoon-proof houses Cagayan's bet vs storms



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INQUIRER Southern Luzon

Little-known Laguna town also flooded

A RURAL TOWN IN LAGUNA HAS NOT RECEIVED the same attention as the flooded lakeshore towns of the province in the wake of Tropical Storm "Ondoy."

'Ondoy's' onslaught



Northernmost town

Research team

Landscape changes

Extra push for recovery of Bicol's coconut industry

ALTHOUGH STILL RECOVERING FROM THE damages wrought by Typhoon "Milenyo," "Reming" and "Seniang" more than two years ago, coconut farmers in Albay enjoy an extra incentive when a vital coconut oil mill in Barangay Arimbay in Legazpi City formally resumed operations.

Regaining hope



Firm in Tesda overprice paid ₱226M already



RESIDENTS of Aparri, Cagayan walk under the damaged roof of a church in the town to attend Sunday Mass as Typhoon "Pepeng" unleashed its wrath.

GMA'S SONA PROMISES

Storms tagged cause of delay in projects

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Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

'Deep calls to deep'



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Ignoring plans has a price



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Manuel L. Quezon III

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Sarah Amelyn G. Bautista

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They Said

Smiling victims

Relief workers should use eco-friendly packaging

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Forbes Park, Makati City

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Why not use motels as evacuation centers?

Gabriela volunteers also did their share

GMA has become more Imeldific than Imelda

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Aunzo leads Laguna Lake pro-am cast



Burger King not giving up on Aguilar stint



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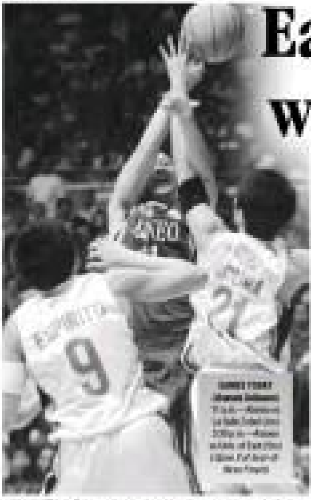


Tommy Manotoc

No tears as Franz opts for higher political post



Eagles, Warriors wage final battle



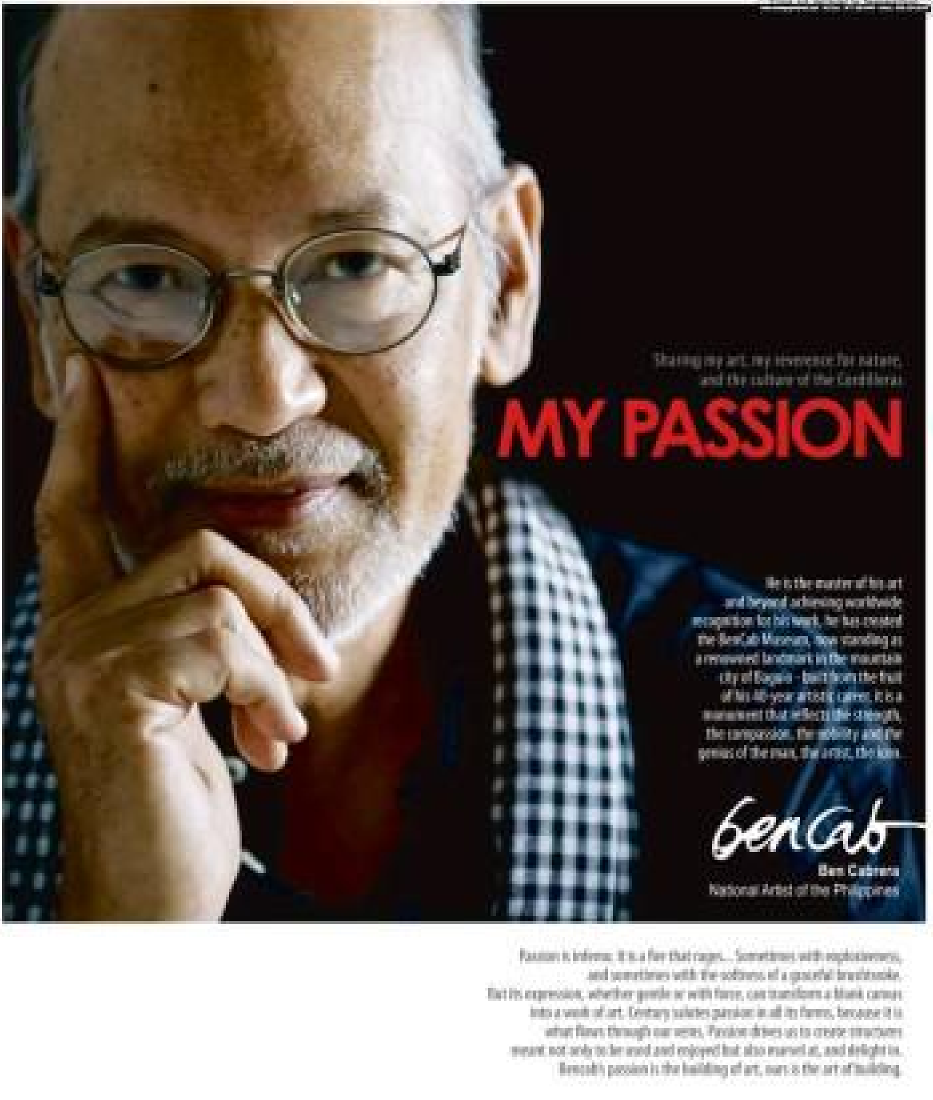
Tips on the charms of Baguio from a Baguio-born

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DID YOU KNOW

DSWD to evacuees: Don't act like beasts

Theft, vandalism cases reported in school being used as temporary shelter

ALTHOUGH THE DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY Tropical Storm "Ondoy" has turned hundreds of ordinary people into heroes, there are some who have chosen to "act like beasts."



Muntinlupa mayor offers solutions to flooding problem



ALMOST BACK TO NORMAL
A child looks for recyclable materials near the silt-swollen Tumana River which overflowed at the height of Storm "Ondoy" on Sept. 26.

DSWD …

Relief goods being raffled off to victims?

DILG: 62% of flood-hit areas in Metro Manila already trash-free

Another teen rape victim in Mindanao

On Target



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Gift of Love presentation on Oct. 17

Flood victims receive relief goods

2 Americans, Israeli win Nobel chemistry prize

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2 million babies and mothers die at birth

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Berlusconi may soon lose immunity

Cops break up second day of anti-IMF protest

Diplomats converge on Honduras for talks

Parents in prayer death get probation

School asks pupils to bring own toilet roll

Racing fans 'limited' to 24 beers a day

Tiger attacks intruder in zoo

House could float in New Orleans floods



Island-hopping teen burglar eludes cops



The WORLD

Guinea rulers can't remain in power, says Clinton

Indon villages eyed as mass graves

Hundreds of bodies still buried in debris

PADANG, INDONESIA—VILLAGES BURIED IN landslides triggered by last week's earthquake may be declared mass graves, Indonesian authorities said on Wednesday as foreign relief agencies hurtled to reach remote areas.

Official death toll

Aid drops

Local authorities blamed



QUAKE survivor [illegible] digs a grave for his father on a rugged hillside outside Padang following a 7.6-magnitude quake that devastated Sumatra island. The Red Cross believes the final death toll could reach 3,000.

Samoa braces for 2nd hit

Powerful typhoon nears main Japan isle

Nasa telescope discovers biggest ring around Saturn



ARTIST'S illustration shows biggest but never-before-seen ring around Saturn, which was spotted by Nasa's Spitzer Space Telescope.

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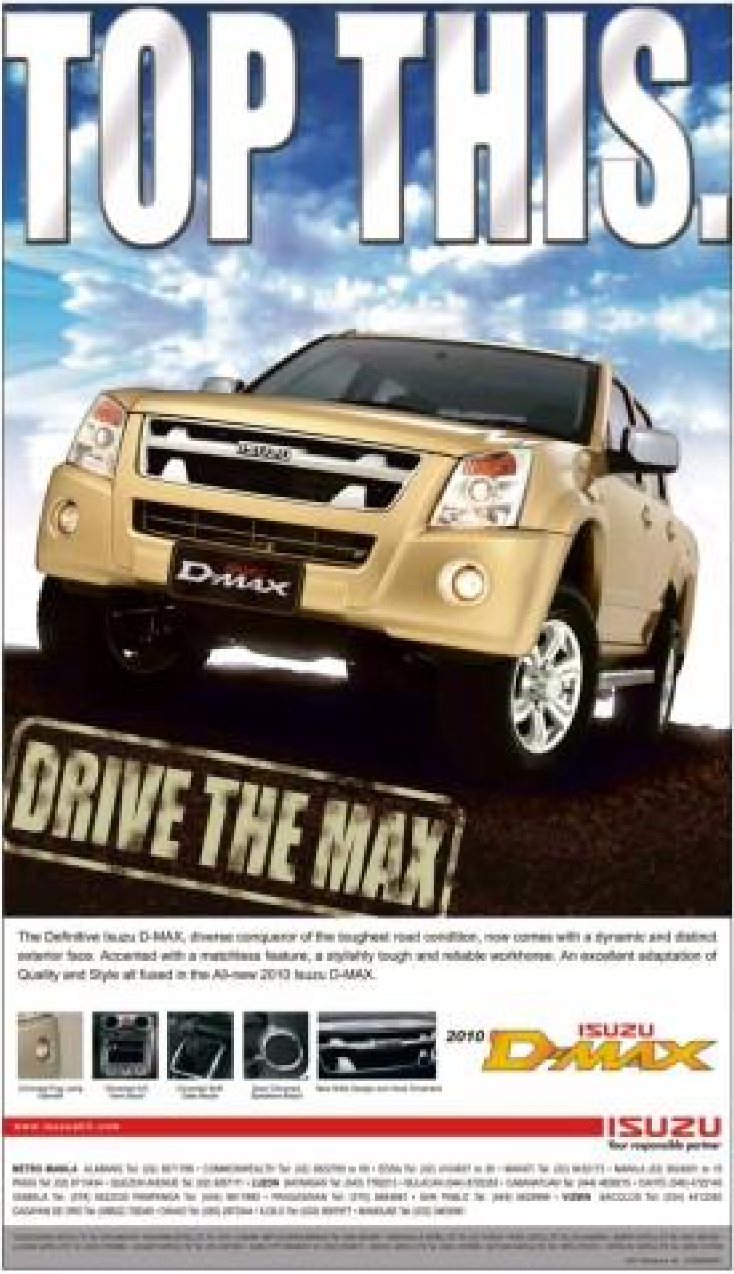
Local stocks surge to 18-month high

Dow rise, Aussie rate hike boost sentiment

THE STOCK MARKET YESTERday surged by 2.86 percent, with the index breaking a key trading barrier to hit its highest level in nearly 18 months, boosted by upbeat trading on Wall Street.



GIR hit record of $42.3B in September



Bank lending poised for 'gradual' increase

Slower loan growth in 2009 anticipated

Sale of 40% stake in PNOC unit in doubt

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Local stocks surge

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Philippine Stock Exchange

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FirstPac stake in Meralco nears tender offer trigger

HK firm in no rush to hit threshold

By Doris C. Dumlao

FIRST PACIFIC CO. LTD. OF HONG KONG has built up its stake in power retailer Manila Electric Co. through local affiliates to 34.7 percent, or near the threshold that triggers a mandatory tender offering to other shareholders.

The group has expressed interest to further increase its stake through infrastructure holding arm Metro Pacific Investments Corp. Analysts, however, said the group did not seem to be in a hurry to breach the 35-percent mark as buying out all other shareholders once the threshold was breached might be too costly at this time.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, MPIC reported it had accumulated a 14.7-percent stake in Meralco as it bought additional shares from the open market and from an affiliate.

This was on top of the 13-percent block it bought from the Beneficial Trust Fund of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. and another affiliate New Gallant Ltd. for ₱120 per share.

"As we continue to grow our business in infrastructure, it is further intended that if suitable opportunities arise, MPIC is open to acquiring further shares of Meralco and position itself as a strategic shareholder of Meralco with appropriate board and management participation," MPIC chair Manuel V. Pangilinan said in a statement.

MPIC completed the purchase of the Meralco stake equivalent to about 146.33 million shares via a special block sale at the local stock market on Tuesday.

On top of the purchases from BTF and New Gallant, MPIC said it had separately bought additional 3.96 million common shares from Crogan Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of First Pacific, representing about 0.4 percent of Meralco at ₱201 per share. This block was worth ₱977 million.

Also, MPIC said it had acquired 1.2 percent stake in the open market, bringing its total interest to 14.7 percent.

Combined with the 20-percent stake held by the PLDT group through Pilipino Telephone Co., First Pacific now controls 34.7 percent of Meralco.

"The acquisition of a strategic block of Meralco shares affirms our efforts to position MPIC as one of the Philippines' leading infrastructure companies that will complement our existing investment in the road, water and hospital sectors represented by controlling interests in North Luzon Expressway, Maynilad, Makati Med and Manila Doctors," said MPIC president and chief executive officer Jose Ma. Lim.

Some analysts said First Pacific might not be keen on rushing to breach the 35-percent tender offer trigger.

"That puts other investments—like its franchises and mining—at risk of being financially stretched. They may try to avoid the tender offer by asking a friendly third party to take up the balance, like what San Miguel Corp. and Global 5000 Investments Inc. did," one analyst said.

San Miguel has voting rights to 27 percent of Meralco but Global 5000, an allied group, controls another 7.9 percent.

The analyst said the market should watch out for what would happen to 14.7-percent remaining stake owned by the Lopez family. This block, he said, could likely be the swing vote that would determine who would get the majority of Meralco.



CHINA'S Ambassador to the Philippines Liu Jianchao and Century Peak Metals Holdings Corp. president Wilfredo Keng (4th and 5th from left) lead the ceremonial ringing of the bell at the Philippine Stock Exchange, as the bourse welcomes Century Peak to its community of listed companies. With them are (from left) Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines president Hubert S. Salazar Jr., PSE director Vivian Yuchengco, Natural Resources Undersecretary Ramon Paje, Tina Keng, Huang Wan Wan from Century Peak and PSE VP Enrico H. Mendez.

JG retail bond gets top rating

JG SUMMIT Holdings Inc. obtained from the Philippine Rating Services Corp. the highest credit rating on its planned ₱5-B retail bond offer.

A PRS Aaa rating was given to JG's five-year-and-one-day retail bonds. This rating means the obligations "are of the highest quality with minimal credit risk" and that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment is "extremely strong."

The retail bond offering is worth ₱5 billion, with an option to increase by another ₱5 billion.

"The rating reflects the following key strengths of JG Summit: An investment portfolio that provides diversity in growth and earnings; established market position of major subsidiaries; strong management team; sound liquidity; and improving profitability," PhilRatings said in a statement.

PhilRatings said it would continue to monitor developments in relation to JG Summit and could adjust its credit rating for the bonds should circumstances warrant it.

The company is one of the largest and most diversified conglomerates in the Philippines.

Doris C. Dumlao

Eton obtains ₱4-B capital boost

TYCOON LUCIO TAN'S ETON PROPERTIES Philippines has obtained a fresh ₱4 billion capital increase through the infusion of a 12 hectare property in the corner of Edsa and Quezon Avenue into the publicly listed firm.

In exchange for the property, Eton will issue 1.6 billion shares from its unsubscribed but unissued stock in favor of Paramount Landequities Inc., a holding company within the Lucio Tan group that owns the Quezon City property, at ₱2.50 per share.

In a briefing yesterday, Eton president Danilo Ignacio said the deal valued the raised-up Centris property at about ₱20,000 per square meter. He added that this would boost Eton's balance sheet, particularly its debt-to-equity ratio.

"Now, we're free to borrow more to fund our expansion," Ignacio said.

He added that the issue price included a ₱0.17 premium over the three-month weighted average of the trading price of Eton shares of ₱2.33 as well as a ₱1.50 premium over its par value per share. An independent financial advisor shall be hired to issue a fairness opinion on the transaction.

As a result of the property-for-share swap, Paramount will become the controlling stockholder of Eton with a stake of approximately 58 percent. Overall, the Lucio Tan group owns close to 97 percent of the property company.

This newly acquired property is being developed into Eton Centris, a fully integrated mixed-use township project located at the crossroads of two major thoroughfares and one that enjoys access to a Metro Rail Transit station. It is master planned to feature a mix of mid- to high-end residential condominiums, business process outsourcing offices, commercial and retail components.

The infusion of the property will allow Eton to benefit fully from property rental and sales in the area. While it was already developing the area, the previous ownership structure was in the form of a joint venture, which meant that a smaller portion of property sales would have ultimately accrued to Eton.

Doris C. Dumlao

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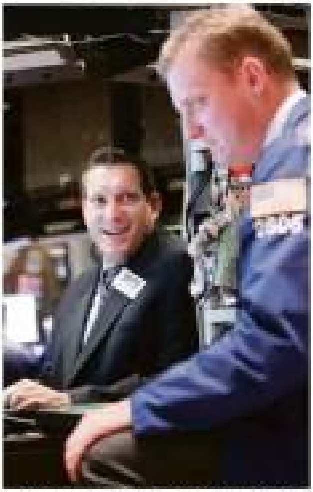
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G30 group calls for new IMF to reflect shifts in economic power

Mobile phones ring in growth in new markets

Asian stocks extend gains; oil up

Investor appetite for risk rising



China's ability as global growth engine in doubt

Delphi, former GM unit, exits bankruptcy

Gold hits record of $1,043 on weak dollar



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Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan





How Enderun produced 17,000 packed meals, 5,000 sandwiches for 'Ondoy' victims



STUDENTS of Enderun Colleges preparing food for typhoon victims

By Owen J. Castillo
Contributor

WHAT STARTED OUT with only three bags of groceries and five kilos of rice brought by two students has multiplied to over 17,000 packs of hot meals and 5,000 sandwiches delivered from the kitchens of Enderun Colleges to Antipolo, Pasig, Rizal and other areas hard-hit by "Ondoy."

It's amazing how a tiny spark could grow into a humanitarian effort of this magnitude.

Enderun faculty member Rel Castro said: "One phone call, one text message, one Facebook post—this was how we were able to scale the relief efforts." This, with good-hearted people who kept knocking on kitchen doors, not even wanting to be named, plus the enthusiasm and passion of students working on their chopping boards and stoves, Castro said, was a winning combination.

The campus is now a bustle of kitchen-to-field mode. Many of the students, their classes suspended, could have easily killed time hanging out elsewhere or at home, but they chose to try make a difference.

"I am so proud of our students. The idea of a relief center for the flood victims was initiated by them, and the faculty and staff merely gave their support," said Yricia Tenmann, Enderun's director for marketing. "It is overwhelming how friends of the school also helped out—donations from individuals, corporations and associations just poured in," she added.

When Tenmann came in Tuesday morning (the second day of relief operations), the students said they needed more meats for the hot meals they were cooking. Before lunch, there were more than enough canned goods from donors to produce thousands of meals. "I am more proud of our Enderun students because of their will to help their countrymen in need—and they acted on it quickly," she said.

The school asked for donations of canned goods and other processed foods so they wouldn't spoil easily. Another strict kitchen guideline was not to use dairy products or mayonnaise, again for longer shelf life.

"If not for helpful individuals and groups, our students wouldn't really have anything to mix, cook and concoct, so we truly owe it to them. They know who they are," Castro added.

The Enderun community is also thankful it has the facilities to produce quality and quantity meals.

"We are indebted to the school facilities and students whose adrenaline is fired up in our kitchens, and their (the students') meaning," she added.

The tilt cooker in one Enderun kitchen can produce up to 1,000 servings in one cooking, and as of last night, about 60 students were producing one meal per second.

Organizations such as Gawad Kalinga, the Philippine Red Cross, the 15th Infantry

HOW ENDERUN C4





NEW York Cheesecake



CARROT Cake

From oatmeal choco chip to meat lasagna, Rina Silayan Go shows how it's done, while designing RTW

How her fashion leads to creative baking—and 'Viseversa'









CHOCOLATE Dream

Designer at heart

Balancing act

Dreams are free



Enjoying caviar, roasted chicken, pith with chicken and coco milk on stormy days

COUNTRY COOKING



Micky Fenix



PATRICIA Benitez Mercado

Unusual menu

Barbecue beef ribs



UNCLE Cheffy's Barbecue US Beef Rib Finger



PANSIT Malabon Express' Seafood Rice

Free barbecue



Pomelo Salad

Ebi tempura maki

DINING OUT

Value meals





'Sinigang' and 'asocena' aren't exclusive to Filipinos

KITCHEN RESCUE

Reggie Aspiras



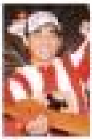
Malay connection

About dog cuisine



PORK sinigang

Pinoy bartending champ to compete in Beijing



Food writing workshop

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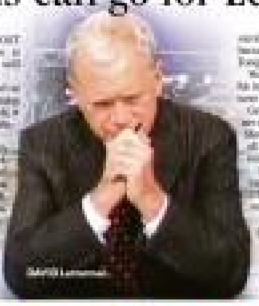
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2 ways this can go for Letterman



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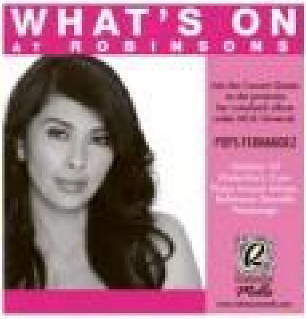
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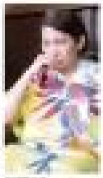
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Ogie and Michael V opt for realism in comedy

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2 ways this can go…



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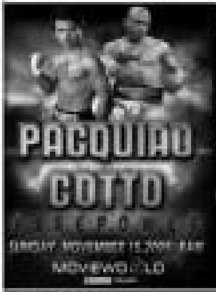
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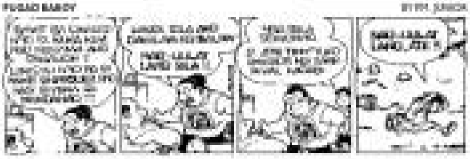
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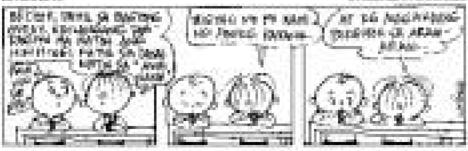


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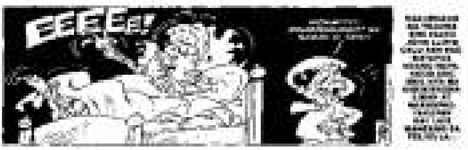
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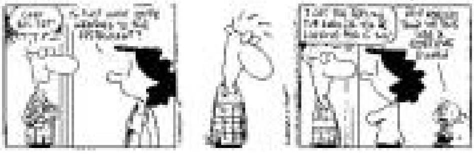


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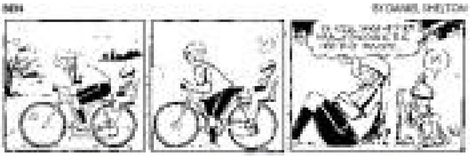


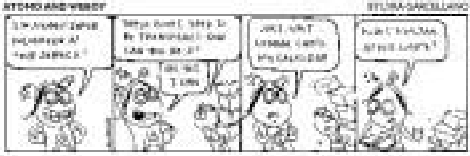


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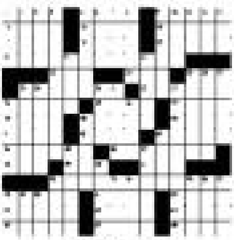


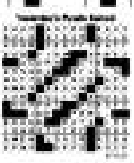


HOROSCOPE

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE





CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

5		2			8	6		7
		6				5		
	8		3				2	
8				6		9		
		7		2				1
	4				1		5	
		3				2		
6		1	8			7		4

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

8	3	7	6	9	2	5	1	4
1	9	2	5	4	3	6	8	7
4	6	5	7	1	8	3	2	9
3	5	6	2	7	9	1	4	8
9	7	8	4	3	1	2	6	5
2	1	4	8	6	5	7	9	3
6	4	3	9	2	7	8	5	1
7	8	9	1	5	6	4	3	2
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On the road, yet again

BACK STORY



Kaya Nakonga

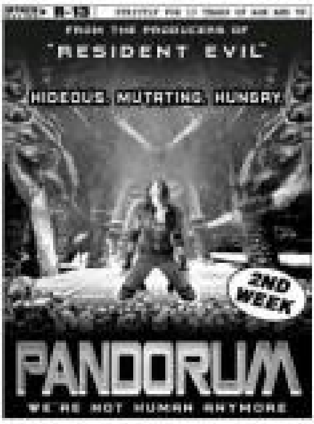
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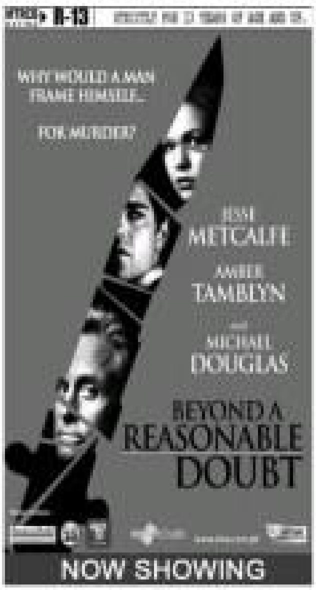
















Piolo, Dingdong still the male leads to beat



PIOLO Pascual

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Nestor U. Torre

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Dingdong Dantes

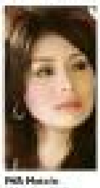




CARMEN Soo and Jericho Rosales in "Kahit Isang Saglit"

3 RP entries in 37th Int'l Emmy race

THREE ENTRIES FROM THE PHILIPPINES [illegible]



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Best Performance by an Actress

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Telenovela

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PIOLO Pascual and Angel Locsin in "Lobo"